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URBAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH LAND-USE (02.04-41)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET CHAIRMAN OF
SUBJECT PROJECT, V. R. KROGIUS, TO HIS U.S. COUNTERPART,
R. BROWN. INFORMAL EMBASSY SUMMARY AND TRANSLATION
FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO SHOSTAL,
REGISTRY NO. 952745.

2. DEAR MR. BROWN:

LET ME SET FORTH SOME WISHES CONCERNING THE VISIT OF
SOVIET SPECIALISTS ON LAND-TENURE IN 1978, AS SPECIFIED
BY THE MEMORANDUM OF THE SIXTH JCM.

WE SUGGEST THAT THE VISIT OCCUR MAY 2-14, 1978, AND WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW IF THIS PERIOD IS CONVENIENT FOR THE AMERICAN
SIDE.

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THE GROUP OF SOVIET EXPERTS WILL CONSIST OF TWO MEMBERS -
PROBABLY MYSELF AND MR. YE. YE. KLYUSHNICHENKO, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF TOWN-BUILDING IN KIEV, ECONOMIST,
CANDIDATE OF SCIENCES.

DURING THE VISIT IN THE USA WE SHOULD LIKE TO FAMILIARIZE
OURSELVES WITH BASIC THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

OF LAND-USE IN CITIES, INCLUDING QUESTIONS OF LEGISLATION, SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AT VARIOUS LEVELS FROM FEDERAL TO LOCAL.

IT WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE EXISTING FEATURES OF LAND-USE IN CITIES OF DIFFERENT TYPE AND SIZES, HEALTH RESORT ZONES, GROUPS OF TOWNS AND URBANIZED REGIONS, ETC.

WE PLAN TO BEGIN OUR VISIT IN WASHINGTON AND DEPART FROM NEW YORK. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO VISIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE "INSTITUTE OF CITIES ESTATES" IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION TO THIS WE SHOULD LIKE TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH PLANS REGULATING LAND-USE IN THE CENTRAL PART OF NEW YORK AND WITH ONE OF THE REGIONS OF SO CALLED "LOW-STORIED BUILDINGS OF HIGH DENSITY" CARRIED OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, BY THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORP., NEW YORK.

WE SHALL BRING WITH US A DRAFT PROGRAM FOR FUTURE WORK ON PROJECT 02.04-41.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT MINNEAPOLIS AND SAN FRANCISCO.

IN MINNEAPOLIS WE SHOULD LIKE TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH REGULATION OF LAND USE BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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"TWIN CITY" WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF SEVEN COUNTIES. IN SAN FRANCISCO WE SHOULD LIKE TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH METHODS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN A LARGE CITY AND ITS SUBURBS AND VISIT THE COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. IN ADDITION TO THIS WE SHOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE EXAMPLES OF BUILDING ON STEEP SLOPES IN OAKLAND AND SAN RAFAEL, NEAR SAN FRANCISCO.

WE THINK THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE THREE DAYS IN WASHINGTON, SAN FRANCISCO, AND NEW YORK AND TWO DAYS IN MINNEAPOLIS.

WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD GIVE US DURING OUR VISIT SOME MATERIALS ON QUESTIONS OF LAND-USE REGULATION IN A BIG HEALTH RESORT SUCH AS HONOLULU.

SINCERELY YOURS, V. P. KROGIUS. TOON

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